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SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF VISIT TO THRACE OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR

REF: THESSALONIKI 0665

1. IN EDITORIALS OF OCTOBER 26 AND 31, CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU OF CONSERVATIVE "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" CRITICIZES RECENT VISIT BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR URUN TO WESTERN THRACE (REFTEL) AND "LENIENT" GREEK POLICY TOWARDS TURKEY.
2. IN FIRST ARTICLE, KYROU CLAIMS TMAT AMBASSADOR ENTERED RESTRICTED "A-2" - MILITARY AREA IN EHINMS NEAR BULGARIAN BORDER AND ASKS RHETORICALLY IF GREEK AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA ALLOWED TO VISIT AREAS NEAR SOVIET BORDER. KYROU CONTINUES THAT TOUR AND "RECOMMENDATIONS" BY AMBASSADOR TO "MOSLEM CITIZENS OF THRACE" HAVE CHARACTER OF "ROMAN PRO-CONSUL" AND ARE "UNACCEPTABLE".
3. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL OF OCTOBER 30, ENTITLED "EASTERN THRACE", RENEWS KYROU' S LONG-STANDING DEMANDS THAT TREATY OF LAUSANNE BE "FULLY APPLIED" AND GREEK UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPERTIES IN ISTANBUL AND IMVROS BE RESTORED. KYROU

CLAIMS THAT GREEK POPULATION IN ISTANBUL IS DWINDLING AND WILL BE NON-EXISTANT WITHIN TEN YEARS WHICH WILL RAISE QUESTION OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF MOSLEM MINORITY IN WESTERN THRACE. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT, WHILE US HAS EXTENDED TO GREECE "ONLY ONE TWENTIETH OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE GIVEN ISRAEL", GREEKS ARE IN POSITION TO "SMASH" TURKEY IN THRACE AND "LIBERATE" EASTERN REGION.

4. COMMENT: LOCAL TURKISH CONSULATE REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR GURUN' S PRESENCE IN THRACE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH ROUTINE TRAVEL ON RETURN FROM LEAVE IN TURKEY. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER PUBLICITY HERE CONCERNING SEVEN MOSLEMS CONVICTED IN KOMOTINI OCTOBER 22 (REFTEL).
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